

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method ~~for~~ of evaluating a carbohydrate in a sample, ~~the method~~ comprising:

(a) contacting the sample with a specific binding pair that comprises:

(i) a reduced valency carbohydrate binding ligand (CBL) ~~with~~ and

~~the carbohydrate in the sample and~~

(ii) a glycoconjugate ~~that includes the carbohydrate~~ comprising a carbohydrate moiety, wherein the reduced valency CBL and glycoconjugate reversibly bind to each other; and

(b) determining the extent to which the carbohydrate present in the sample displaces glycoconjugate bound to the reduced valency CBL and reversibly binds to the reduced valency CBL, the extent to which the carbohydrate binds to the reduced valency CBL ~~of the binding~~ being correlated with the amount of ~~the~~ carbohydrate in the sample.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the reduced valency CBL is a monomeric form of a multimeric protein.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the reduced valency CBL is a lectin.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the lectin is Concanavalin A.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the Concanavalin A is mutagenized at residues that participate in dimer-dimer interactions to produce dimers which do not assemble into tetramers.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the reduced valency CBL and the glycoconjugate include a detectable label.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the label is a radioactive label, a fluorescent label, an enzyme, a proximity-based signal generating label moiety, a homogeneous time resolved fluorescence (HTRF) component, a luminescent oxygen channeling assay (LOCI) component, biotin, avidin, an antibody, or an antigen binding portion of the antibody.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sample is a sample of urine, blood, plasma, saliva, intracellular fluid, interstitial fluid, homogenized cells, or a cell extract.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the carbohydrate is a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, or a polysaccharide.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the carbohydrate is glucose.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the carbohydrate is a component of a glycoprotein.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the glycoconjugate comprises serum albumin.

15. – 17. (Cancelled)